REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Boston January 19 1869

Geo B. Mc Carter Esq.

Dear Sir:

Have sent you this day by the Adams Express Co. 240 sheets of Plate paper to finish the order of #10's + #20's.

Please forward some of each at the earliest moment and oblige

Your truly

Laban Heath & Co

Dale

Endorsed

Laban Heath & Co

Jany 19 1869

Notice of Shipment of 240 sheets Plate paper for #10's + #20's

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The Western Union Telegraph Company

Boston Mass Feby 2d 1869

Received at Williards Feby 3d 1869

To Geo B. McCartee

Printing Bureau.

I have shipped ten hundred 10.00 + eighty 80 sheets for Detector as per your order of twenty ninth 29

Laban Heath + Co

20 Washington St.

Endorsed

Laban Heath + Co.

Feby 2d 1869

Notice of shipment of 1080 sheets for Detector

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Fortieth Congress
Washington DC
Feby 23rd 1869

Geo. B. McCartee Esq
Chief Printing Bureau &c
Sir –

We shall need three thousand (3,000) more impressions of the $100. Counterfeit plate and two thousand (2,000) each of the $10s and $20 to complete our sets.

The paper for the same has doubtless reached you ere this, as it was shipped nearly a week since.

Please get them out as soon as possible and greatly oblige.

Your Very respectfully
L. Heath & Co.
By A. G. O.

Endorsed
Laban Heath & Co.
Feby 23 1869
Order to print additional impressions Counterfeit plates & B. notes.

38.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The Western Union Telegraph Company

Boston Feby 5 1864

Received at Williards Feby 5.

To Gen. B. McCarter

Printing Bureau

Treasury

Please forward me at once if possible one thousand (1.000) each of the Tens (10s) and twenties (20s) Counterfeit plates. Am all out

Laban Heath & Co.

No 20 Washington St.

Endorsed

Laban Heath & Co.

Feby 5 1864

Order for $10s & $20s plate impressions sent.

37.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Washington D.C.
Feby 25th 1869

J. D. Biglow Esq.
Act Chief Bur Printing &c

In reply to yours of the 24th I will take the liberty to request that you print the last order 1/3d large size and 2/3rds small size or nearly that proportion

Very truly yours &c
A. G. Ordway
for L. Heath & Co.

Endorsed
Laban Heath & Co
Feby 25 1869
Directions that order of 23rd inst be proportioned 1/3 for large and 2/3 for small book.

39.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Washington D.C.
Feby 26th 1869

G.B. McCartee

Dear Sir:

We want to ship the plates that are boxed and you will please deliver all the cases which are ready to the bearer who will receipt for them for L. Heath & Co.

Truly Yours
A. G. Ordway
for L. Heath & Co.

There are seven (7) boxes of Laban Heath & Co.'s work ready for shipment. Each box has an inventory of its contents attached.

Jno. P. Bigelow
Acting Chief &c
Bureau of Printing & Engraving

Feby 27 1869 The boxes mentioned above may be delivered upon the enclosed agreement of A. G. Ordway Esq.

H. McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury.

Endorsed
Laban Heath & Co
Feby 26th 1869
Order to deliver work boxed for them.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Washington D.C.
February 27th 1869

I hereby agree to pay the charges upon the plates and devices printed by the Treasury Department for Laban, Heath & Co. in accordance with the order of the Secretary of the Treasury allowing said work to be performed.

N. G. Ordway

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Washington, D. C.
March 1st 1869.

To the Supt. Printing & Engraving
Treasury Department.-

Please have printed from the following Plates, 10,000 sets for the Bond Detector. In addition to former orders

L. Heath & Co.

Specimen Plates, Bonds &c. Heaths Work.

Plate 1 Sections of 5-20 Bonds, 3d & 4th Series
2 10000 = 5/20 Coupon, 4th Series
3 10000 = " " " Counterfeit-
4 10000 = " " Reverse do
5 Sections of 6/81 - Coupon Bonds
6 1000 = 6/81 Coupon Bond
6½ 1000 = " " " Twin-
7 10.0000 " Registered Bond
7½ 10.0000 " " " Twin-
8 Sections " " Bonds
9 10000 = 10/40 Coupon Bond
10 Sections 10/40 Coupon Bonds
11 50000 10/40 Registered Bond
12 Sections 10/40 " Bonds
13 100000 5/20 Registered Supplementary Bond
13½ 100000 " " " Twin-
14 Sections of Registered " Bonds

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Plate 15 - Sections of Coupon Supplementary Bonds
16 - 5/10 Supplementary 5/20 Coupon Bond.
16½ - 3/10 " " " " Vint-
17 - Sections Registered Bonds - Act June 30, 1864
18 - 5/10 " Bond " " " "
18½ - 5/10 " Vint-
19 - 1/1000 5/20 Consol Coupon Bond
19½ - 1/1000 " " " Vint-
20 - Sections of Registered Consol Bonds
21 - Specimens of Internal Revenue Stamps
22 - 1/1000 Pacific Rail Road Bond

Endorsement:
Laban Heath & Co
March 1st 1869.
Order for additional impts of Bond sections &c.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Washington, D. C.
Mar. 1st 1869

Geo. B. McCartee Esq.
Supt. Printing Bureau
Treasury Dept.

Sir:

In addition to the orders previously given for printing Counterfeit-plates, we would like to have four thousand (4000) $100 Counterfeit & three thousand, each, of the $10. and $20. counterfeits to make our order complete.

Very truly yours &c
Laban Heath & Co.

Endorsement-
Laban Heath & Co.
Mar. 1st 1869
Order for additional imps. $100, $10 & $20. Sa. B'k. counterfeits

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Washington, D. C.
March. 1st 1869

Geo. B. McCartee
Supt. Printing Bureau,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the order of the Secretary of the Treasury granted nearly two years ago allowing us to file schedules for such number of impressions of the fractional currency as might be required to embelish our Counterfeit-Detector, we desire to have printed as soon as possible, Ten thousand (10,000) impressions each, of the Five (5) cent, Ten (10) cent, Twenty five (25) cent, and Fifty (50) cent currency, and also same number of impressions of the Counterfeit Fifty (50) cent script.

The plates for the above have all been used to print a former order while Mr Clark was in charge of the Printing Bureau.

Very truly Yours &c.
Laban Heath & Co.

Endorsement—
Laban Heath & Co. Mar. 1st 1869
Order to furnish imps. 5, 10, 25 & 50 & frac. currency Specimens & 50 & Counterfeit-50 & script.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Treasury Department -
March 1st 1869
The within request of Messrs Laban Heath & Co. may be granted.
Secretary.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Boston. March 1st 1869

To the Supt. Printing U.S. Eng. &c.
Treasury Department.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please furnish for use in our government Detector:
5000 impressions from the $5 00 Counterfeit National Currency plate. also
5000 impressions of $10 Counterfeit Legal tender or green back. also
5000 copies or specimens of tints for numbers Cassileas patent.

Respectfully Yours &c.
L. Heath & Co.
Per Fuller.

Endorsement.
Laban Heath & Co. Mar. 1st 1869
Order to print $5 00 from N.C. Counterfeit Plate. $10. Legal tender and tint specimens.

#44

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Copying error
Should be
1868

I have received the following printed impressions of Sections of Bond Plates, Revenue Stamps &c. from The Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Treas. Dept. Upon the order of Luban Heath and Co. 3d Sept. 19" 1869. Approved by the Secy. (dated Oct. 6" in file, to be used in their Counterfeit-Detector, Viz.

No of Plate	Number of Imps	Signature
11	5.7000 in Box 1	L Heath and Co.
8	2.5000 " " 576	L. Heath and Co.
9	4.0000 " " 145	L Heath and Co.
10	2098 " " 4	L. Heath and Co
11	1.5700 " " 576	L Heath and Co.
12	5000 " " 6	L. Heath and Co.
14	1.5000 " " 6	L. Heath and Co.
15	5000 " " 6	L. Heath and Co.
16	2.5000 " " 1,4,576	L. Heath and Co.
17	3.0000 " " 4,5,76	L Heath and Co.
19	3.1000 " " 145	L Heath and Co.
20	3.0000 " " 576	L Heath and Co.
21	3.0700 " " 476	L Heath and Co.

Feb. 24" 1869

Per N. G. Ordway.

2	5080 in Box 3.	L Heath and Co.
5	5060 " " 2	L Heath and Co.
10	3000 " " 3	L Heath and Co.
16	1000 " " 2	L Heath and Co
19	2.0000 " " 2	L Heath and Co.

Per N. G. Ordway.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Feb 27 1869	8	1.0000	in Box 7	Laban Heath and Co.
	9	1000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	11	1.0000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	12	1.0000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	15	500	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	16	1.0000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	17	1.0000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	20	1.0000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	21	500	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
March 3rd 1869	7	1.0000	" " 879	Laban Heath and Co.
	8	1.0000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	11	1.5000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	12	2.0000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	13	1.5000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	14	2.0000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	15	3.0000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	17	500	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	20	1.0000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	21	500	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
	22	1.0000	" " "	Laban Heath and Co.
March 4th 1869	3	1.0000		Laban Heath and Co.
	4	1.0000	Ins Codes	Laban Heath and Co.
	7	1.0000	marked	Laban Heath and Co.
	8	537	10 + 11	Laban Heath and Co.
	11	500		Laban Heath and Co.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

March 6th 1869	12	1.0000		Laban Heath and Co.
	13	1.0000		Laban Heath and Co.
	14	536		Laban Heath and Co.
	15	1049	Sw Roses	Laban Heath and Co.
	17	825	marked	Laban Heath and Co.
	18	3.0000	10+11	Laban Heath and Co.
	20	1022		Laban Heath and Co.
	21	510		Laban Heath and Co.
	22	3.0000		Laban Heath and Co.
March 12th 1869	3	3.5000		Laban Heath and Co.
	4	2.5000		Laban Heath and Co.
	6	3.0000		Laban Heath and Co.
	7	2.5000		Laban Heath and Co.
	11	521	Sw Rose	Laban Heath and Co.
	13	2.0000	12+13	Laban Heath and Co.
	18	1.0000		Laban Heath and Co.
	22	1026	Rec'd Roses 12+13.	Laban Heath and Co.
			H. L. S. Thams.	

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Messrs Leban Heath & Co. Dr.
To The Engraving & Printing Bureau
For Transferring & Engraving Bond Plates &c.
For Counterfeit Bond Detector

No Plate				
1	Sects. 5/20 Bonds 3d & 4th Series	Transferring & Engraving Lettering &c.	40	00
2	$1000 " " Coupon	" " " "	47	25
3	$1000 " Obverse Counterfeit	——— " "		75
4	$1000 " Reverse "	——— " "	1	00
5	Sections 6/81 Coupon Bonds	Transferring & Engraving Lettering &c	33	75
6	$1000 " " Obverse	" "	110	25
6½	$1000 " " Tints	" "	24	75
7	$10.000 " Registered Obverse	" "	18.	
7½	$10.000 " " Tint	" "	13	00
8	Sections " " Bonds	" "	28	62
9	$1000 10/40 Coupon Bond	" "	47	25
10	Sections " " " Bonds	" "	40	
11	$5.000 " Washington border &c for small book Registered Bond & Vig	" "	08	00
12	Sections " " Bonds	" "	13	50
13	$10.000 Supplementary Reg. Obverse	" "	49	00
13½	$10.000 " " Tint	" "	21	35
14	Sections Reg. Supplementary Bonds	" "	40	00
15	" Coupon " "	" "	29	25
16	$ 500 " " Ob. Bond	" "	64	25
16½	$ 500 " " Tint "	" "	36	
17	Sections June 30/64 Reg. Bonds	" "	36	
18	$500 " " " Ob. Bond	" "	56	25
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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

No Plate				
18½	$500 June 30/64 Reg. Tint-Bond	Transferring & Engraving Lettering &c.	29	20
19	$1000 5/20 Consol Ab. Coupon Bond	" "	64	30
19½	$1000 " " Tint- " "	" "	38	20
20	Sections " " Registered Bonds	" "	92	50
21	Specimens Internal Revenue Stamps	" "	24	70
22	Skeleton $1.000 Cal. R.R. Bond	" "	38	20
	And to 26 Steel Plates 10 X 14 at 8 cts	per inch	291	20

Geo. W. Casilear
Custodian &c.

Endorsement.-
Memorandum Bills of the various Divisions upon which bill against Laban Heath & Co made & rendered March 8th 1869 was based.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

March 8th 1869

In rendering Bill this day to Messrs Laban Heath & Co for all orders in hand prior in date to March 1st there will be due them exclusive of Notes 10 & 11 ready for shipment 29.685 impss. Viz: 1990 Impss. $10 - 2612 Impss. $20. 3.000 Impss. $100 & 22083 Impss. for Bond sections. all of which were included in the bill. Laban &c &c estimated therefor.

The following new orders are on file, but not yet taken in hand. Viz:

Order dated Mch. 1st	10.000 impss	5¢	Fractional Currency Specimens
	10.000 "	10¢	
	10.000 "	25¢	
	10.000 "	50¢	
	10.000 "	Counterfeit 50¢ Script	
Order dated Mch. 1st	3.000 "	$ 10.	Counterfeit N. B. Note plates
	3.000 "	$ 20.	
	14.000 "	$ 100	
Order dated Mch. 1st	220.000 "	(10.000 ea 22 plates)	Section of Bond &c. plates
Order " Mch. 1st	5.000 "	$ 500.	Counterft. Nat. Currency plate
	5.000 "	$ 10. "	Legal tender
	5.000 "	Specimen of tints for numbers	Casilear's patents

Endorsement.

Memoranda in relation to the status of Laban Heath & Co &c

March 8th 1869

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Amt ordered by L. Heath & Co. prior to March 1st 1869		Del'd up to 9th including 27th Feb'y	Balance due but paid for.
$10 N.B. counterfeit	Small Book 4.000 Impd	3.010	1990
$10	Large Book 1.000 "		
$20	Small Book 4.000 "	3.888	2.612
$20	Large Book 1.500 "		
$— Secy 3 year int note	700 "	700	
$1000 N.B. counterfeit	Small Book 2.000 "		2.000
$1000	Large Book 1.000 "		1.000
Section Bonds &c.	110.000 "	879.17	22.083
	124.700	900.65	29.685
		95,065	

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Nos. 12 and 13.

Shipt. of 2 Boxes Mch. 13. L. Heath and Co.
leaves due them 5.996 Imps Bond Sections

1.991 - $10
2.612 - $20
3.1111 - $100

} Counterfl. N.B.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Plate Printing for L. Heath 2nd & Co.

700	Impressions	Section 3rd Yr. Note	$ 20.00
4.000	"	Counterfeit Nat. Currency	751.38
10,000	"	Bond Specimens 2nd Int. Revenue Stamps	2.660.00
			$ 3.431.38

March 6th 1869

Wm W. Graham

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Work on Laban Heath's Plates

Counting Div. —	Dec.	5.	
	Janᵧ. 14	5.	
	Febᵧ	21. 13	
	Mch.	30.	66. 13
Pressing Div. —	Dec.	11.	
	Janᵧ. 11. 24	15.	
	Febᵧ.	80. 60	
	Mch.	120.	220. 60

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Laban Heath & Co.

To Machine Department.
Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Dr.
March 8th 1869

To 3½ days work for Carpenter repairing boxes for specimens @ 4.00 $ 14.00
No material used). Laborers getting in & taking out. - - - 6.00
211.00

correct - E. Krouse

H.45

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

I have received the following printed impressions, from the $10 & $20. counterfeit-plates of the National Currency. of L. B. Allyn. chief clerk of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing upon the order of Laban Heath & Co. of Nov. 18" 1868, (on file) and of Sept.-19" 1868 (approved by the Secy. Oct.-6") also on file for their counterfeit-detector, to wit:-

Date		$10 Number of Impss.	$20 Number of Impss.	Signature
1868 Dec.	7	Fifty (50)	Fifty (50)	L. Heath & Co. Per N. G. Ordway
	9	Twenty-five (25) 675	Twenty-five (25)	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. Ordway
	16	Six hundred & Seventy five	— — — — —	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. Ordway
	18	Three hundred & fifty (350) (1024)	Seven hundred & twenty five (11205) (1785)	L. Heath & Co.
1869 Feb.	6	Twenty four hundred & ten	Seventeen hundred & eighty eight	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. Ordway.

I have received the following printed impressions of Sections of the 3 year Comp. Interest-Notes from L. B. Allyn Chf. Clk. of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing upon the order of Laban Heath & Co. of (on file) and of approved by the Secy. Oct.-6, also on file, for their Counterfeit-Detector.

1868 Dec. 16" - Seven hundred & fifty (750) impressions - L. Heath & Co.
Per. N. G. Ordway.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Statement of Specimens from the Laban Heath plate ordered, and amount delivered.

Date	Small Book F.C. Specimens	Large Book F.C. Specimens	Frontispiece Large Book	Comm. N.B. Note Specimen
Amt. Ordered	14.570	12.000	12.000	12.000
Delivered				
867. Apl. 4	2.000		200	
" 18		2.000		
May 6	570			
10	570			
11	570			
13	570			
14	570			
15	570			
16	570			
23	1.570			1000
June 4	4.000			400
14	1.000	570		1000
20		3.000	570	1000
26		1000	2.570	1000
July 5		400	2.570	1.570
" 12			570	1.570
Aug. 1			4.000	4.570
Total	12.000	6.900	12.000	11.900
Del'd. Aug. 20	2.570	5.014	76	85
	14.570	11.914	12.176	11.985
Spoiled & not sent	50	30	12	90
	14.620	11.944	12.188	12.075
#40				

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

I have received the following printed impressions of sections of Bond Plates, Legal Tender Notes, National Currency and Revenue Stamps from the Bureau of Engraving & Printing upon the order of Laban Heath & Co. of Sept. 19, 1869 approved by the Secy. (Oct. 6th) on file to be used in their Counterfeit-Detector, Viz:

	No. of Impss.	No of Box	Signature
1869 Apl 1	8.112 Impss.	Box 1	L. Heath & Co. Per N. G. O.
"	8.1110 "	" 2	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.
"	8.145 "	" 3	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.
"	10.104 "	" 4	L. Heath & Co. Per N. G. O.
"	15.718 "	" 5	L. Heath & Co. Per N. G. O.
May 20	8.222 "	" 6	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.
	8.1111 "	" 7	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.
	8.310 "	" 8	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.
	21.828 "	" 9	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.
	8.1110 "	" 10	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.
	8.1110 "	" 11	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.
	8.1111 "	" 12	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.
	8.1111 "	" 13	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.
	8.138 "	" 14	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.
	8.212 "	" 15	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.
	28.492 "	To be put in boxes	L. Heath & Co. Per. N. G. O.

Endorsement.

Laban Heaths Receipt.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Boston, May 11th 1869.

Geo. B. McCartee. Esq.

Dear Sir.

You have an order to print for Heaths Government Counterfeit Detector five thousand (5000) each, of the Tens (10) and Fifty (50) counterfeit Green Backs. Are we to have the order completed? if so, have you sufficient plate paper for that purpose? Please advise us by return of mail. At the same time inform us how much more paper you need if any. And thereby confer a favor on

Yours very truly
Loban Heath & Co.
Dale.

Endorsement.— May 11th 1869
Loban Heath & Co.
Asking whether more paper is needed.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Official.

Treasury Department,
Bureau of
Engraving and Printing.
June 9th 1869.

Messrs. Edson Heath & Co.
Boston, Mass.
Gentlemen:

Herewith I transmit account due this Bureau by your firm, in amount $5,203.69 for which an early settlement is requested.—

I also enclose two freight bills amounting to $18.90 These two bills were for your paper that came by freight and was paid by Mr. Wm. Cartee from his private funds, an early settlement is requested.

Very respectfully
Geo. B. Wm. Cartee
Chief of Bureau.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Boston, July. 1st — 1869.

Geo. B. McCartee. Esq.

Dear Sir

Enclosed we return statement of a/c which please itemize, as part of it is for the Counterfeit Detector and belongs entirely to another account.

Yours truly
Laban Heath & Co.

Indorsement
July 1st — 1869 —
Laban Heath & Co.
Asking for a detailed statement of impressions furnished.

#48

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Official.

Treasury Department
Bureau of
Engraving and Printing
July 7th — 1869.

Messrs. Coban Heath & Co
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your communication of the 1st instant I enclose you a detailed statement of impressions printed for you by this Bureau.

Please remit at your earliest convenience for this and the small bill also.

Very respectfully
Geo. B. McCartee
Chief of Bureau.

Indorsement
Letter from the
Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Treasury Department
Dated July 7th — 1869.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

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Specimen Plates Bonds &c., Heaton's Work.

1 Sections of 5/20 Bonds, 3d & 4th Series.
2 1000 = 5/20 Coupon 4th Series.
3 1000 = " " " Counterfeit
4 1000 = " " Reverse do
5 Sections of 6/81 – Coupon Bonds.
6 100 = 6/81 Coupon Bond.
6½ 100 = " " " Print.
7 10.000 = " Registered Bond.
7½ 10.000 " " " Print.
8 Sections " " Bonds.
9 1000 = 10/40 Coupon Bond.
10 Sections 10/40 " "
11 5000 10/40 Registered Bond
12 Sections 10/40 = " Bonds.
13 10.000 = 5/20 = Registered Supplementary Bond.
13½ 10.000 = " " " Print.
14 Sections of 500 " " Bonds.
15 " " Coupon " Bonds.
16 500 = Supplementary 5/20 Coupon Bond.
16½ 500 = " " " Print.
17 Sections Registered Bonds = Act June 30. 1864.
18 500 = " Bond = " " "
18½ 500 = " Print " " "
19 1000 = 5/20 = Consol Coupon Bond
19½ 1000 = " " " Print.
20 Sections of Registered Consol Bonds.

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

21 Specimens of Internal Revenue Stamps.
22 1000 = Pacific Rail Road Bond.

Jan. 23" - 1869.

Sgd. Geo. W. Casilear
Supt. of Engraving &c.

5000 Impss each from 28 Plates.

Indorsement
Geo. W. Casilear.
Dist of Engraving.

#49.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Franklin Telegraph Company.

July 20" 1869
Boston, Mass.

To Jules Golay.
Asst. Chief of Bureau.

What are the figures of Heaths two 2 bills are you all safe will be in New York to-morrow.

Geo. B. Mc. Cartee.
Youngs Hotel.

17 Call 93.

Indorsement
July 20" - 1869
Geo. B. Mc. Cartee
What Amount is Heaths two Bills

#50

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Franklin Telegraph Comp'y.
Washington July 20th 1869.

Jno. Geo. B. McCarter,

Yours Hotel,

All right here bills five thousand two hundred & three 5.203 dollars sixty nine cents 69 & eighteen Dollars & ninety cents 18,90

Jules Gotay
Asst Chf of Bureau.

20. Pol. 95

Endorsement
July 20 - 1869
Jules Gotay.
Amount of Weaths Bills.
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The National Life Insurance of the United States of America.
Office of the New England Bank Agency.
3 Merchants Exchange.
Boston July 22nd 1869.

L. P. Tucker, Manager,
W. G. Burdick, M.D. Medical Examiner,
Richard B. Hill, Superintendent of Agencies,
George B. McCarter Esqr.

My dear sir,

Your letter containing bill of L. Heath & Co. has just reached me. I wanted the bill the plates used in the currency & small Detectn made separate as they Bond plates are to be paid for by another firm.

I send you enclosed my check for four thousand dollars and will arrange about the balance soon & have asked Mr. Chandler to write and explain the matter to you.

Please return receipts for the checks and also ask your clerk to make a bill for Bond plates to me and one for the currency plates to L. Heath & Co. I hope the delay has not caused you any trouble and if this separation of the accounts in any way embarrasses you I will try to divide the amount from the bill rendered.

We have not got the Book out yet but are pushing it as fast as possible.

Very truly yours.
N. G. Ordway.

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Endorsement.

July 22d 1869

N. S. Ordway

Enclosing Checks for $4,000

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Boston July 29. 1869

Wm. B. McCartee Esq.

My dear sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of July the 27th acknowledging the receipt of Draft for Four thousand dollars ($4000.00) and also rendering the separate bills for the work done at the Treasury Department. I find you have charged $30/100 dollars per M for printing 1072 Impressions of Fractional Currency amtg. to $302.16. While Mr. Clark charged us but $17.50/100 per M which would amount to but $176.26

Making an increase in the charge of the same work - most of which is now useless on account of new issue of $125.90 Also find that the small plate three year interest Notes which could not cost but a small sum to print is charged for at $30. per M the same as full plates which require several printings.

With reference to the Bonds. Mr. Casilear made a careful estimate before we ordered the plates, and assured us that the cost would be but $16.00 per M for those that required but a single printing, and $29. per M for the tint plates a double printing. We have 16 plates in black or single printing 98.650 impressions which would amount at $16 per M to $1.018.99 total $2,697.37, a making the amt of bill rendered $1,321.59 more than Mr. Casilear informed us the work would cost

We were surprised somewhat at the amount of the bill

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when it was first received, but as the work for
books was on the same bill were unable to specify
seemed to us to be an over charge until we rec'd you
bill.

We do not write in any spirit of fault find
hope you will be able to explain this large increase
prices. Please first enclosed the amount you pay
your private funds and rest assured we fully app
your kindness towards us.

Yours very truly
A. G. Cridway.
Dale.

Boston August 26/69.

Geo. B. McCarter Esq.

Dear Sir,

Through mistake this
sent to an agent for the Detector in the West an
just received.

Yours truly
John P. Dale.

Endorsement.

July 29 - 1869
D. L. 1 Aug 1870

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Washington D. C.
April 14, 1870

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I am the author of Heath's counterfeit Detector, and have expended over thirty thousand dollars in procuring specimens of engraving on the Government Notes and Bonds to illustrate my work. I believe we have all heretofore issued by the government except the new legal tender notes and new fractional currency.

In order therefore to make our work complete we desire that you would authorize the parties printing these notes to give us impressions in the same manner and on the same terms heretofore granted us by the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully.
Your obt. servant.
Laban Heath.

Endorsement.
April 14, 1870
Laban Heath of
Heath's Count Detector
Desires impressions of new Legal Tender & Frac. Currency.

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30 Harrison St.
Boston May 20th. 1870.

Wm. B. McCartee Esq.
Chief of Currency Bureau
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please favor us at your earliest convenience, a detailed Statement as, showing the kind and quantity of work performed, prices, and amounts paid & number of plates & sets of plates furnished to date

& oblige yours truly.
Laban Heath & Co.
per Barry.

Endorsement.
May 20th 1870
Laban Heath & Co
Requesting a detailed statement of Plates furnished, work done and prices paid.

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30 Hanover St.
Boston June 11th 1870.

Geo. B. McCartee Esq.
Chief of Bureau of Engr & Ptg.
Treasury Department Dear Sir,
Washington D. C.

Your favor of the 9th inst is just at hand and in reply have to say we are somewhat surprised at its contents, & shall consider it a great favor if you will please advise us of the information you have in your possession, stating who they were disposed to & the name of your informer if it is not confidential, for we are just as desirous to work this matter up as you are, for if any Impressions have been stolen from us, we shall do every thing in our power to ferrett out the thief or thieves — We have never in a single instance, sold, or presented any one, with an Impression or Impressions of any work printed in your Department, neither have we disposed of any in any other shape than in Book form as proposed & if you require it will go before a justice of the Peace & make oath to that effect.

We have moved all of our Impressions from 20 Washington St. to 30 Hanover St. and have them in a room securely locked, & office on floor below, and do not allow any one in the room alone. We have just taken account of Stock on hand & propose to ascertain the number bound & can then inform you if any are gone — we moved from

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20 Washington St. not liking the appearance of everything & if anything is wrong we shall be most happy to know it — Mr. Ordway will call on you & verify our statement — thanking you for your many kindnesses & hoping you will give us all facts in the case.

We remain very truly yours &c.

Laban Heath & Co. per. Barry

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

31 Hanover St.
Boston. August 31st 1870

Geo B. McCartee Esqr.
Supt Printing and Engraving Bureau
Treasury Department. Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir:

At the time the order was given by the Secretary allowing us to have printed at the Treasury Department, specimen plates of the Government Bonds, to be used in our Bond Detectors, you will remember that Mr Clark had just left, and you had to continue for a while some employees who were strong partizans of Mr Clark, for some reason or other we found those persons constantly interposing obstacles to the successful prosecution of our work, — we were however compelled under the operation of a law prohibiting the Department from engaging in the performance of any new work for private individuals, to allow the work to go on, and the orders were filled without our having an opportunity to examine the plates before they were packed, boxed and sent to Boston.

Sec. McCulloch was just retiring from the Department and the accounting officers demanded payment for the work before inspection by us, Mr N. G. Ordway who had become responsible for the bills, advanced and paid to the Government about ten thousand dollars ($10000) on account, with the

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understanding that a final settlement should be made after an inspection of the plates when they come to be bound up into Books; when the first lots were bound we notified the Department that the faces of many of the plates were dim, blurred and defective, that the backs were badly blacked and smutched by reason of being hastily and improperly packed while the ink was green, and that quite a large number were simply printed in tints leaving off the composition of the Bond, while others were torn and mutilated.

In order to get at the number of worthless and defective plates, we have overhauled a large portion of the packages containing the plates which were put up and delivered at the Department, and find that about twenty-five (25) per cent. of all the plates are entirely worthless and in a similar condition to those enclosed herewith in book form; and that twenty-five (25) per cent more are blacked and smutched on the backs to such an extent that it would not be creditible for Government to have them bound in such a nice work as our Bond Detector; while twenty-five (25) per cent more, the impressions are in some way defective, — When we speak of plates, we do not mean the steel plates gotten up under Mr Casilear's direction, as we are perfectly satisfied with them, inasmuch as they have produced good impressions

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when carefully printed, nor do we doubt in the least but that you did all in your power to have the work properly performed, but we attribute the damage referred to, to the fact that the Printing Department was in a chaotic state incident to the numerous changes which took place about that time.

The printing of ten thousand (10,000) sets of plates at the prices charged, would amount to about one dollar ($1.00) a set of twenty-two (22) sheets. The paper which was furnished by us, including expressage and freight both ways, would amount to about thirty seven cents (37¢) making the actual cost to us of each set of plates one dollar and thirty seven cents ($1.37); we therefore claim that we have a just claim against the Department for an allowance and refund

For 2,500 Sets totally worthless			$ 3437.00
" 2500 " badly damaged	75 pr. ct.		2578.75
" 2500 " Imperfect	50 " "		1718.50
Total 7500 Sets		Total claim	7733.25

We send specimens of each and if you doubt the condition of the impressions, we should be pleased to have you send an agent to examine and report upon their condition.

We have been at great expense in preparing the American Bond and Currency Detector which we think is creditible to the Government as well as ourselves,

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Replied

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but up to this time owing to the delay in perfecting the Coin Plates have received nothing in return for our outlay,— we therefore feel compelled to ask you to lay our claim before the Secretary with a view to have it speedily adjusted.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servants
Lalan, Heath and Co.
per. Barry

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31 Hanover St.
Boston Mass Oct 3d 1870

Geo B. McCartee Esq.
Supt. Printing & Engraving Bureau
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We wrote you several weeks since enclosing specimens of damaged and imperfect plates printed at the department for use in our Board Detector.

We would again respectfully call your attention to the matter and request that you would ask the Secretary to allow you or some one in whom he has full confidence, to come to Boston and examine these plates with a view to a settlement of our claim on account of the damage sustained by us.

Please advise us on receipt of this letter what we may expect will be done in the premises.

We remain very Respectfully Yours &c
Laban Heath & Co.
Barry

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Bureau of Engraving & Printing
5. October. 1870

Messrs. Salem Heath & Co.
31 Hanover St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury has directed me to ask you what amount of damages you claim.

The Department cannot refund any amounts on account of bills paid heretofore, but may, if found to be proper, deduct from the balance now due the Department.

Very respectfully
Geo. D. McCarter
Chief of Bureau.

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3a. Hanover St.
Boston Octr. 11th, 1871

Geo. B. Mc. Cartee Esq.
Chief. Engraving & Printing Bureau
Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 5th, inst. we have to say that our bill for damages, on account of Bond Plates printed at the Department, accompanied the Specimens of damaged plates sent the Department several weeks since.

In regard to the amount of reduction which ought to be allowed, we request that the Secretary will send an Agent to examine the work and report; — we are confident some way will be found to adjust whatever is found to be honestly due us.

The last bill rendered to us was some thing over $ 5000. upon which no final settlement has been made —

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servts
Laban Heath & Co.
Barry

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Bureau of Engraving & Printing.
Washington, D.C. 20 October 1870

Messrs Laban. Heath & Co.
Washington St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

On monday next Mr. Carles Colony will be at your Office to examine the mutilated work upon which you claim a deduction.

Please make such arrangements as will enable him to finish the examination as early as possible.

Very respectfully.
Geo. B. McCartee.
Chief of Bureau.

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Treasury Department
Bureau of Engraving & Printing
28th Oct. 1871

Geo. B. McCartee Esq.
Chief of Bureau of Engraving & Printing.

Sir:

In accordance with your verbal instructions I have examined the Specimens of Bonds printed by this Bureau for Messrs Laban Heath & Co, Boston

In printing these specimens the printers have neglected to place tissue-paper between the impressions and the result was that everyone required some cleaning on the back.

The printing was also hurriedly done, and the plates carelessly wiped, blurring the faces of about half of the impressions.-

No allowance was made in the bills for totally mutilated impressions, and they were packed and charged as perfect.

A deduction of 30 percent on the bills of Messrs Laban Heath & Co, would be a fair compensation for the loss sustained by them on account of the unsaleable impressions shipped to them.

Their bills amount to	$ 10.423.17
Of which there has been paid	9.219.48
Leaving a balance due of	$ 1203.69

Very respectfully
Jules Golay
Asst Chief

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30 Hanover St.

Boston Nov. 23d 1870

Hon. N. G. Ordway

Seargt. Arms U. S. House Rep's

Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are desirous to have you favor us by making known to the Hon Secty of the Treasury the dilemma in which we are placed through a mistake or carelessness of the Printing Bureau wherein we have an unequal number of Impressions designed for our Bank Note Detectors — our orders were for an equal amount of each; — we are short of the following Counterfeit Impressions.

Viz: 4182 Counterfeit $ 20. National Note

3447 " $ 10. " "

2772 " $ 10. Legal Tender "Greenback"

3272 " $ 50. " " " "

These we require as early as possible to complete the Works in the hands of our binders, — in addition to these we have on hand 4000 each, more Impressions of Frontispiece" & Fractional Currency" than any other plates, and actually require additional, 4000 of each denomination of Counterfeits.

Very Truly Yours &c.,

Laban Heath & Co.

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3a. Hanover St.
Boston. April. 28th 1871

Geo. B. McCartee Esq
Chief of Engraving & Printing Bureau
U. S. Treasury Department
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please inform us why the "U. S." in the oval on right end of back is lower than all others that we have examined – the "U." touches inner line of border, & the period after "S" touches the outer line of oval – in others we find the "U. S" about a thirty second of an inch above the inside line of the oval.
Also please inform us why the bill has such a peculiar appearance – it appears to be genuine, and still there is something that causes a doubt – we do not like to annoy you with such matters, but shall be very thankful for any information on the subject.

Very truly Yours &c.,
Laban Heath & Co.

B.

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Post Office
Davisboro Georgia
May 3d 1871

Secretary of The Treasury
Washington City
D.C.

Dear Sir:

For Public good, as well as for my own enlightenment, I beg to make an enquiry in my official capacity as Post Master.

Hope you will have the kindness to note and reply Some time since a person, claiming to be an agent passed through this section offering and selling a Counterfeit Detector Edited by one Heath and claiming to be "by authority — from the U. S. Treasury Department.

Many of our people claim that he was an imposter and that he has no such authority for his works — In his book is a letter claimed to be from the Secretary of the U. S. and signed "H McCulloch — Secretary of the Treasury — To Laban Heath Esqr. granting him the authority — this letter bears date of Sept 3d 1866. Can you inform me if such a letter was written, granting such authority and whether I may depend on the Detector, in my delings, with the money of the United States, in the Post Office — your Reply will be a great favor to Yours Respectfully

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Robert H. Hardwick P.M.
Davisboro
Washington Co.
Geo.

Endorsement
Treasury Department May 11. 1871
Respectfully referred to Geo B. McCabe Esqr.
Supt Bu of Engraving & Printing.
J. C. Saville
Chief Clerk

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Western Union Telegraph Company.

Thos. T. Eckert. Genl Supt. } William Orton, Pres't } New York.
New York 33 } O. H. Palmer, Secy }

Dated - Glen Mills, Pa. May 16 - 1871
Received at N. D. C 11 + 5
To Chas. McCartee.

Bu. Eng. & Printing.

Letters recd. Work quarter day extra. If Jewell & Williams prefer to work tonight let them do so, I do not think it necessary. Retain models & heads until I return. Have Laban Heath's work carefully packed for shipment to Boston tomorrow or Thursday.

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Office of Laban Heath & Co.,
Publishers of the
U. S. Government Bond,
Treasury and National Bank Note Detectors,
and Manufacturers of
Heath's Patent Micro-Telescopic Glass
30 Hanover Street
Boston, May 22d 1871.

Geo. B. McCartee, Esq.
Chief of Engraving & Printing Bureau
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of 7500 Impressions of Counterfeit Notes, viz:

2500 — $100. Old series Treasury Notes
1000 — $5. do do do do
1000 — $20. National Bank "
3000 — $10. do do unfinished plate.

We shall be pleased to have you favor us with a brief history of each plate, also whether they are Steel, German-Silver or Copper.

In printing these impressions it will be necessary for us to have an equal number of each note, excepting an odd number, which we will furnish you, to complete a previous order; for our smaller, or Pocket Edition we require $100, $20. and $10. National, with a margin of 1/8th of

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an inch on all sides; or if you could vary the denomination and give us $50. $20. $10. or $50. $20. & $5. providing the plates are good.

Very Respectfully
Laban Heath & Co.
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Copy.

Office of Laban Heath & Co.,
Publishers of the
U. S. Government Bond,
Treasury and National Bank Note Detectors,
and manufacturers of
Heath's Patent Micro-Telescopic Glass.
30. Hanover Street.
Boston, May 25 1871.

Hon. N. G. Ordway
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 21st. we have to say we shall probably require the following impressions to keep our stock up the next twelve months, viz:

3000 for Large Book
3400 " Small do
} $100. National Bank Note.

5000 Large Book
5000 Small do
} $20. National Bank note

3800 Large Book
5800 Small do
} $10. National Bank note.

3100 Large Book $100. Treasury note, "Greenback"

4600 Large Book $5. Treasury note, "Greenback"

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have the margin for the Large Book the same top & bottom, with 5/8 of an inch margin all around for the small book.

Very Respectfully
Laban Heath & Co.
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Copy.

Office of Laban Heath & Co.,
Publishers of the
U. S. Government Bond,
Treasury and National Bank Note Detectors.
and manufacturers of
Heath's Patent Micro-Telescopic Glass.
30 Hanover Street
Boston, May 25. 1871.

Hon. N. G. Ordway
Washington. D.C. } Dear Sir

The accompanying Schedule will give Mr. McCartee the exact amount we require in order to complete five thousand set of each, viz; the "Banking House" & "Pocket" Editions;

Could you arrange with Mr. McCartee to print us 5000 impressions of the new Fractional currency viz. 50 ct.- 25 ct- 15 ct- and 10 ct- to be used in our Banking House Edition?- or will it be necessary to wait until you get your resolution through?

have attended to the letter from albany Ga.-
hoping to see you here soon we remain

Very truly Yours &c.
Laban Heath & Co.

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Office of Laban Heath & Co.,
Publishers of the
U. S. Government Bond,
Treasury and National Bank Note Detectors.
and manufacturers of
Heath's Patent Micro-Telescopic Glass.
30 Hanover Street.
Boston, June 2. 1871

Geo. B. McCartee, Esq.
Chief of Engraving & Printing Bureau
Treasury Department, Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir

Please forward me (if possible) by return Express 1000 impressions of the $20. Counterfeit plate.

Oblige Your Obdt. Servts.
Laban Heath & Co.
B.

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May 11

Messrs Luban Wealth & Co
& Hammond St Newton

Gentlemen

I have this day to your
address five Cabinet Checks
Seven Thousand Eight hundred (7,800)
Dollars each of Counterfeit notes
resembling Obligations required
from the Hon Secretary of the Treasury

Very respectfully &c

Geo W Curtis
Chief of Division

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5 June

Messrs Labaree Veath
& Co
3 & 5 Summer St. Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

We refer to yours of 2 & mt.
& beg to say that by Wednesdays
Express we will forward you
the balance of the number of Impressions
which we are authorized by the
Hon. Secretary of the Treasury
to print.

Very respectfully,

Chief of Bureau

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30 Hanover St.
Boston August 14. 1871

Hon H. G. Ordway
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 12th. we have to say we are glad to hear from you and learn that you intend coming to Boston soon; we need the following to make up complete sets for the Banking House Ed.

Viz:

200 — $5. Greenbacks
1976 — $100. National Bank note
574 — $ 20. do do do
1809 — $ 10. " " "

This leaves us without any Pocket Edition and we should certainly have additional for this purpose; the following

Viz: 3000 — $ 100. National Bank note
3000 — $ 20. do do do
3000 — $ 10. " " "

If Mr McCartee can give us a different $20. and $10. in this 3000 Set we should prefer it. we are sorry your Hat is spoiled, and presume Mr Heath was not particular enough in his instructions.

Very Truly Yours &c
Laban Heath & Co B.

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Forty-Second Congress U. S.
House of Representatives.
Washington D.C. Nov. 24th 1871

George B. McCartee

Dear Sir:

I have been unable to find the letter of which Mr Heath and I spoke to you a few weeks since until to day. I now enclose the letter to show you that there was a mistake made in furnishing the original number of impressions or in those last ordered.

Mr Heath writes me that unless we can get some of the $100 counterfeit National impressions we shall have to stop the publication of the Banking House Edition by the middle of December. If you can possibly give us enough to make the Banking House Sets even under Mr Boutwell's last order you will confer a great favor.

Very Respectfully your Obdt
H. G. Ordway

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This is a copy
Date must be
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Bureau of Engraving and Printing
25th Nov. 1881.

Hon. N. G. Ordway.
Washington. D.C.

Sir: Yours of the 24th inst. asking if more impressions of some of the Counterfeit plates can be furnished to Messrs Laban Heath & Co has been received. In reply I beg to say that the original letter from Laban Heath & Co dated Nov 23 1870 directed to you and left with the Hon Secretary of the Treasury. calls for the following impressions

$20	National Bank Note	4.182
$10	" " "	3.447
$10.	Legal Tender "	2.772
$50	" " ——— "	3.272
	Total	13.673

This Bureau was authorized to print that amount and no more.

The plates of $10. and $50. Legal Tenders having been destroyed You chose to replace them with the $5 and $100. Legal Tender plates and the following amounts have been delivered to Messrs Laban Heath & Co. viz:

$20.	National Bank Note	4.321
$10	" " .	3.574
$5.	Legal Tender Note	2.900
$100	" " "	3.431
	Total	14.226

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or 553 Impressions above the amount authorized by the Secretary, and no further printing can be done without his orders.

Very respectfully,
Geo. B. McCartee
Chief of Bureau

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Geo. W. Casilear Esqr
Care of Continental Bank Note Co
New York

Dear Sir

Today I was visited upon by a person who says he represents Messrs Laban Heath & Co and called to see you regarding printing from a Hundred dollar Counterfeit plate and that you had written them regarding the same. The Bureau had advised them sometime since that we had really printed and delivered in excess of the authority received from the Secretary. This person denied that we had so delivered and in such manner as to prevent my continuing further conversation with him. If you have written to Messrs Laban Heath & Co regarding this matter you must have done so on your own responsibility as the Secretary has not authorized any further printing that I am aware of.

Very respectfully
Geo B McCartee
Chief

1st Sept 17

Geo. M. Carleton Esqr
Cashr Continental Bank Note Co
New York

Dear Sir

Today I received upon
by a person who says he represents
Messrs Graham Morris & Co. in Cattell
to the very Extensive Printing from
a Counterfeit Bank Note Counterfeit
Plate, and that you had written
them Regarding the same.
The Person had advised them
Something Knew that we had
Early printed and delivered
in excess of the authority received
from the Secretary. This person

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deem that method to be followed and in such manner as to prevent my continuing further communication with him. If you have written to Miss Helen Keath P.O. regarding this matter, you must have due time to do so upon your Explanation, as the Secretary has to acknowledge any further printing that I am arranging.

Very Respectfully
Geo. H. Weeks
Chief

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New York January 30" 1872

Dear Sir:-

The counterfeit fifty dollar note (series 1869) forwarded by me to General Spinner, is the property of Mr. Laban Heath of No 30 Hanover st. Boston, of whom I obtained it for the purpose of submitting it to the inspection of the Department. I am informed that the note is now in your possession and will thank you to forward the same to Mr. Heath at the above address.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Whitley

George B. McCartee, Esq.
Treasury Dept.

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52 Bleecker St.
New York Feb. 9th 1872.

Laban Heath Esq.
30 Hanover st.
Boston Mass.

Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 4th inst, making inquiries as to the disposition of Counterfeit Plates recovered by the S. S. Division, I have to state that all Counterfeit Plates captured by myself and the men acting under my instructions, are now in the safes of the S. S. Division of the U.S. Treasury at Washington

I cannot of course, premise what action the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury will take regarding your request. I am of opinion that when the matter is properly explained to him, he will consider it favorably, inasmuch as no possible harm could arise to the Govt, and your work is certainly valuable to the public at large; affording, as it does, an opportunity for the people to study and understand the various counterfeit issues, thereby aiding to prevent the circulation of counterfeit money, which I believe has been largely decreased by your labors.

Very Respectfully,
H. C. Whitley Chief S.S. Division
U.S. Treasury

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of any risk or danger to the Government or the public, that I can imagine, which should prevent the granting of Mr. Heath's request.

E. C. Banfield
Solicitor of the Treasury.

Apl. 20, 1872.

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Boston, March, 1872.

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell,
Secy of U. S. Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

The undersigned having examined the work published by the author, known as "Heath's Counterfeit Detector", and believing that this volume is eminently calculated to be of great service to the community in the way of informing the public as to the character of both genuine and spurious notes of the United States, in detail cordially commend said work to all Bankers, Merchants, and others; and ask that all convenient facilities may be given him, to enable Mr Heath to continue the publication of this book, for the benefit of the business public.

Charles B. Hall. Secy of Assn of Blks for Suppression of Crime
C. R. Ransom. Pres of North Bank
Jam's H. Walker Pres of Revere Bank
A. D. Hodges Pres of Washington Bk
Thomas Lamb Pres of N.E. Bank
E. Presbrey Cashier of Bk of Mutual Redemption
Edw. Tyler Cashier of Suffolk Bk
Alex'r H. Rice
E. H. Rollins
B. J. Bates Pres of Bk of Com.

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Boston, Mass.
May 1873.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The undersigned respectfully represent that in Eighteen Hundred & Sixty five we obtained permission from the then Secretary of the Treasury the Hon. Hugh McCulloch to use certain sections or devices upon the United States circulating notes and transcripts from certain counterfeit plates which had been captured by the Secrete Service Division, to be printed on thick plate paper and used to illustrate our work entitled Heath's Infallible Counterfeit Detector; that we paid large sums of money to procure copies of these plates, to bank note companies, and to the U. S. Treasury Dept., that in printing many of these devices and copies, which were printed at the Treasury Dept, they were injured and rendered useless by reason of having been printed with improper ink and a want of care in drying in consequence of which great loss has been entailed upon us, and our business nearly broken up and ruined because we have been unable recently to procure from the Treasury Dept, copies of these counterfeit plates and other devices that are

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necessary to complete our sets to enable us to continue the publication of our work.

We have paid the Department some Fifteen Thousand Dollars for work done and the Department now has in its safes a large number of steel plates to print these impressions for which we have paid the Department several thousands dollars, and which are worthless to us unless they can be used to finish up the copies that are necessary to complete the sets for our work.

It has been suggested that a provision was put upon some appropriation bill last year enacting that no <u>new</u> <u>private</u> <u>work</u> should be done at the Printing Bureau; but we suggest in reply that the Secretary of the Treasury having given orders to furnish us, (as his letter shows and which is now in your office) these impressions upon lists to be filed by us, and that we have never received any thing near the amount thus ordered of these counterfeit impressions which we mostly lack which were suitable to be used in our work and therefore this could not be considered <u>new</u> <u>work</u>, but is simply supplying a deficiency in the contract for which the Government had received ample pay; yet had never furnished perfect plates to fill up the sets thus ordered.

Wm A. Richardson
To Secy of Treas

from Heath

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last ~~last~~ year enacting that no new private work should
be done at the Printing Bureau.

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We, therefore, respectfully request that you will direct the Chief of the Printing Bureau, who has been appointed since most of this work was performed to visit Boston and examine the large number of miperfect plates which we have at our store rooms, No 30, Hanover Street, Boston, Mass., and if he finds the facts as above stated that you will authorize him to supply deficiencies to enable us to continue the publication of this valuable work which was indorsed in writing by almost every Treasury ffical at the time of its first publication as well as by the then Chief of the Printing Bureau, the past and present Chief of the Secret Service Division, the Solicitor of the Treasury Dept. besides most of the bankers throughout the country.

Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servts.
Laban Heath & Co.
No. 30, Hanover Street
Boston, Mass.

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Bureau of Engraving and Printing
July 2nd 1893.

Hon
A. C. Cragin
Lebanon N. H.

Sir:

I have placed you on a Committee with the Honorable Messrs F. A. Sawyer, J. K. Vest, J. B. Mann and L. E. Walker to proceed to the premises of Messrs Laban Heath & Co. Boston Mass. for the purpose of Examining a large number of Impressions of Counterfeit and Genuine work furnished Messrs Laban Heath & Co. by the Department, and which they paid for, to ascertain what number of these Impressions are mutilated or in an imperfect condition.

You will please recommend what action the Department should take, in case you find the work to be mutilated and imperfect, in view of the fact that Messrs Laban Heath & Co. paid the Department for the impressions as if they were in perfect order.

The Committee will meet at the office of Messrs Laban Heath and Co. 30 Hanover St. Boston at 10. A.M. on the 8th instant.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary

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United States Senate Chamber.
Lebanon N. H.
July 26, 1873.

Hon T. A. Sawyer
Asst Secty. of the Treasy.
Dear Sir:

Yours of the 23d inst, enclosing report for me to sign rec'd. The report is just right, and I have signed the same, and herewith return it to you.

Truly yours
(signed) A. H. Cragin

Endorsement-

23549 Treasury Department.
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Hon A. H. Cragin, Sn, C.
Returns report of Committee
on plates with Laban Heath & Co, Boston.
Treasury Department.
July 30. 1873
Respectfully referred to Mr.
Geo. B. McCartee.
K. (signed) T. A. Sawyer,
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Asst. Secretary.

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The undersigned committee appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury July 2d 1873 to examine a large number of impressions of counterfeit and genuine plates which were furnished by the Treasury Department in 1865 to Laban, Heath & Co. Company of Boston, Massachusetts and to recommend what action shall be taken in relation to such impressions as were imperfect, have the honor to report.

That on the 8th day of July 1873 they visited the rooms of said Laban, Heath & Co., in Boston and found the impressions in question, and on that and the two days succeeding they made the examination as required.

The impressions were from twenty-two plates and were designed by these parties to be bound in books to be used by Banks, Brokers, and Merchants in detecting the counterfeits of United States notes, bonds and currency, and the notes of National Banks. They represent that the value of the publication depended principally upon the perfect character of the impressions of each plate, and that the general imperfection

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of the impressions of a single plate would so injure the work as to render its sale difficult if not impossible.

The committee examined packages taken at random of the impressions from each plate, and in number sufficient to enable them to judge the general character of the work. The impressions from some plates were found almost without exception defective, the number of even fair ones being insignificant. Other sets of impressions were somewhat more uniformly better, though not good, and others were nearly all still better but imperfect. No considerable portion of the work was free from blemish, and so great a portion was defective to a degree that would justify the parties in rejecting it altogether, as probably not a dozen respectable books could be made out of the whole number of impressions.

The principal defect appeared to have been caused by laying the sheets together before the ink was dry so that both the faces and

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backs were smirched and dirty, varying in degree according to the nature of the ink used. A few of the plates however, made imperfect impressions.

The committee are unanimously of opinion that the character of the work would not justify binding and publication, and consequently was a total loss to Messrs Laban Heath and Co.

As the work was designed to detect counterfeits of issues now withdrawn, the supply of a new set of impressions would be of no value to the parties interested, and the committee therefore recommend that a statement of the facts shall be made to Congress and authority asked by the Department to execute for Messrs Laban, Heath and Co., impressions of the new issues to such extent as will equitably remunerate them for the loss sustained by the worthless character of the former work.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Frederick A. Sawyer
J. H. Cragin
J. D. Allanson
L. V. Walker
Committee.

Washington D.C.
July 29th 1873.

Hon W. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Washington, D.C.
July 29. 1873

Report of Committee consisting of Messrs F. A. Sawyer A.H. Cragin J. B. Mann, and L.E. Wales, concerning certain Plates printed for Laban, Heath Co, Boston,

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No 30. Hanover St.
Boston Mass.
July 30. 1873.

Hon. Wm A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington D.C.

Sir.

From the statements made by the committee designated by you to examine the plates and devices printed for us at the Treasury Department, and for which we have paid from $10,000 to $15.000 cash, we infer that the gentlemen composing that Committee will unanimously report that we ought to have relief in some manner for the large losses and total suspension of our business in consequence of the worthlessness of the plates referred to.

It therefore seems to us that in order to give us immediate relief the Department ought to print for us such plates and devices as are in its possession and allow the Bank Note Companies to continue the printing of such other devices as they have heretofore printed for us by order of your predecessor - Hon. Hugh McCulloch.

We enclose herewith copy of Mr McCulloch's letter to the Bank Note Companies together with

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a copy of the recommendations or endorsements of
prominent bankers, business men, and members of
Congress, presented to Mr McCulloch at the time
he gave us the letter referred to. We also enclose
sheets cut from our work, with a memorandum
upon each showing what we need in order to
enable us to continue our business, with the num-
ber of copies of each, which we desire printed
as soon as possible. It seems to us that we
are clearly entitled to have these plates under
the permission granted to us at the time we
incurred this large outlay in the preparation
and publication of our work, and that supplying
these deficiencies cannot be construed as printing
or furnishing new work at the Department.

Very respectfully yours.
Laban Heath & Co.

P. S.— In regard to the expense for supplying
these deficiencies of course we shall be quite
willing to have it offset towards the amount
to which we should be justly entitled for the
total loss and destruction by imperfect print
ing of the 600 or 700 pounds of plates which
are now piled up in our office, and totally
worthless. Our paper bill for these plates
as will be shown by the books of Rice Kendall & Co

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ammunted to nearly $5 000. The amount paid for printing them from $12.000 to $15.000. The eppense of getting up the Bond Book, including letter press, coin plates, which are at present also worthless has been $4.000 or $5.000 more, which will make the Department perfectly safe in proceeding immediately to supply the deficiency as requested

L. H. & Co.

Endorsement.

Treasury Department Recived Aug. 4. 1873.

Boston Mass.

July 30. 73.

Laban, Heath & Co.

Ask relief on a/c of worthlessness of plates and devices printed at Treasury Dept.

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Bureau of Engraving & Printing
August 12th 1873

Messrs Laban Heath & Co.
Boston Mass.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of 31st ult'o in regard to plates and devices prepared for your use at this Department, I beg to refer you to the report of the Committee from the Department on the matter and to say that it is not deemed expedient to comply with your request until further legislation in the case can be had.

Very respectfully
Wm A. Richardson
Secretary

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